

Watkins Home ^{use}
Near Burnt Corn [Monroe Co.]²
Conecuh Co. Ala.

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Near Burnt Corn, [Monroe County]
Conecuh County, Alabama.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Watkins house is two stories high with a two-storey porch in front. The balustrade of turned spindles between large areas of lattice-work is particularly effective in the design of the front façade. The three brick chimneys are of the "freestanding" type.

The living room is an example of a good pioneer interior. It is wainscoted to the ceiling with horizontal boards. The wood mantel has reeded pilasters, and a central panel of carved sunburst and other ornament.

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HISTORICAL DATA:

Built: Sometime between 1810 and 1830.

Ownership:

Dr. John Watkins, original owner.

This home has remained in his family and today is owned by Dr. John Watkin's great grand daughter, Mrs. Laura Kirtland Crook.

Dr. John Watkins:

Seems to have come to Alabama sometime before the War of 1812, while the Spaniards still held Mobile.

At the time of the Fort Mims' Massacre, Dr. Watkins was living in a house on the site of this home, and his descendants say that it was this very house. This may be a fact. If so, the house was built about 1810 to 1812. For, Dr. Watkins treated some of the survivors of that awful massacre, in, so the descendants say, this very house.

Dr. Watkins was born in 1785. He died August 9, 1853, and is buried at Burnt Corn in the Bethany Church yard.

Mrs. Laura Kirtland Crook: (Mrs. Osborne Moore Crook)

Daughter of Eliza Lett Moseley and John William Cowan. Eliza Lett Moseley was the daughter of Mary Howard who was the daughter of Dr. Watkins.. Mrs. Crook now lives in this old home.

Source of Material:

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